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Via Regular Mail

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RE: R.61-67, Standards for Wastewater Facility Construction

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am responding to your recent inquiry regarding the above-referenced regulation, specifically Appendix A entitled, "Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities," and its use in rate cases before the Public Service Commission (PSC).

This regulation establishes standards for general and technical design requirements for use by the Department in reviewing Engineering Reports, establishing Reliability Classifications, and issuing State Construction Permits or other approval actions as outlined in the regulation.

This regulation applies to engineering design and construction of all wastewater treatment facilities and all wastewater collection and transmission facilities which require a construction permit or approval from the Department. Appendix A is used to estimate average flow projections for domestic wastewater facilities.

As I have stated, it is important for the public to understand that, although DHEC's regulation is being used as a means of allocation to set rates by the PSC, it is an engineering/construction regulation that was not promulgated by DHEC for this purpose. Nevertheless, we have no authority to determine utility rates or analyze the Public Service Commission's methodologies in making such determinations.

We hope this provides the clarification you are seeking.

Sincerely,

Catherine B. Templeton

cc: Kathleen McDaniel, Esq.
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